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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1937.

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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AS TO THE

Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District

DURING THE YEAR 1937.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of the Rural District of Wainford.*

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present to you my Report for the year 1937.

AREA. 44,871 acres.

POPULATION as estimated by the Registrar General is 6,390. Number of inhabited houses, 1,814. Rateable Value, £14,064. Sum represented by a penny rate, £69.

The District is almost entirely agricultural, or dependent on agriculture.

BIRTHS.

			TOTAL.	MALE.	FEMALE.
Live Births	{ Legitimate	..	102	53	49
	{ Illegitimate	..	2	—	2
Still Births	..	..	3	2	1

Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 16·2.
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births 28·0.

DEATHS. Total 104; males 54, females 50. Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population, 16·27.

Deaths from Puerperal causes, Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	..	..	..	16
„ „ Measles (all ages)	..	..	..	0
„ „ Whooping cough (all ages)	..	..	..	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	..	..	..	0

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

All infants, per 1000 live births	..	..	..	38·4
Legitimate infants, per 1000 legitimate live births	..	..	..	39·2
Illegitimate „ „ illegitimate „	..	..	..	0

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Closet Accommodation. There is no water borne sewage.

Sanitary Inspection. Regular inspection has been carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Schools. The Sanitary condition and water supply are adequate. No school was closed during the year on account of infectious disease.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases. No notifiable infectious disease assumed epidemic proportion during the year. Some mild cases of Scarlet Fever undoubtedly spread from Bungay Urban District. Prompt advantage was taken of sending cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever to the Isolation Hospital at Oulton Broad. There is no arrangement by the local authority for the provision of immunization against Diphtheria or Measles.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

			<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Total deaths.</i>
Small Pox	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	6	3	0
Diphtheria	...	...	4	2	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	12	3	2

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Respiratory.</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>		<i>Respiratory.</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
.....
1								
.....
5								
.....
15								
.....	1	...	..	...	1	...	...	...
25								
.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
35								
.....	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
45								
.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
55								
.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards								
.....
Totals ...	4	1	...	...	3	1	1	...

Ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths, 0—5.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Workshops inspected, 8; written notices, 1; prosecutions, Nil. One case of overdue limewashing was found and this was remedied.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is appended. This contains information which there is no point in duplicating in this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P. G. LEVICK, M.B., B. CHIR.,

Medical Officer of Health.

WAINFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the year ending 31st December, 1937.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the following Report of the Sanitary work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1937.

Inspections of the District have been periodically carried out for any existing nuisances or likely causes of same and complaints received have had immediate attention. When found necessary informal or formal notices were served for the abatement of same, these usually being complied with, with little delay.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Periodical visits of inspection have been made of the Cowsheds, Dairies, Slaughter-houses and Workshops, and the various premises were generally found to be kept under satisfactory conditions.

Improvement towards cleanliness in cowsheds and dairies has been maintained by reconstruction of cowsheds, providing more and efficient ventilation, lights and drainage, laying on piped supplies of water; also entirely new sheds have been erected.

The approximate number of Cows in milk is 1,879.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

There were six cases of Scarlet Fever and four of Diphtheria. After the removal of the patients the bedding, clothing, etc., was thoroughly fumigated and disinfected.

Ten privy pits have been abolished and closets converted to E.C.'s with removable sanitary pans.

HOUSING.

Ten new houses and bungalows have been erected by private owners in the various parts of the district and 8 new houses by the Council. Six houses have been re-conditioned.

The Council have accepted tenders provisionally for the erection of 22 houses under the Slum Clearance Schemes.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The St. Lawrence, Spexhall and the Rumburgh piped roadside water supplies have proved sufficient for the requirements of the neighbourhoods, and there has been no shortage of water at the various Council's wells. A new borehole has been sunk at Spexhall the recent analysis of the water proving to be very satisfactory. A scheme for sinking a new well for the Council at Westhall is in hand. Three boreholes have been sunk by private owners, one at Spexhall, one at Holton, and one at Westhall.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools, other than the rivers Waveney and Blyth which pass through parts of the district. There are several places where bathing is carried out from the grass banks of the rivers.

MEAT.

	<i>Cattle.</i>	<i>Calves.</i>	<i>Cows.</i>	<i>Sheep.</i>	<i>Pigs.</i>
Number Killed (actual) ...	38	—	—	—	186
All Diseases (except Tuberculosis).					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	3
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	8

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1628
(b) Number of inspections for that purpose ..	4892
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	30
(b) Number of inspections for that purpose ..	39
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	145
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	780

2. *Remedy of defects without service of formal notice :*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	31
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	581
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	61
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	209
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	39
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

C.—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	24
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

D.—Proceedings under section 20 of Housing Act, 1930 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

E.—Overcrowding. Housing Act, 1935.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	32
(2) Number of families dwelling therein ..	32
(3) Number of new cases reported during year	Nil
(4) Number of cases relieved during year ..	8
(5) Number of persons concerned in such cases	56

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. EARL, Cert. R.S.I.,

Sanitary Inspector.